



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2014

860-429-3333

www.mansfieldct.org/trash

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of **July Fourth** - Friday's service will be moved to Saturday.
The week of **September 1** - all service days will be one day later.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We want to update trash account information to include current phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you have had service for more than two years, please provide us with this information by including it with your payment.

CREDIT CARDS AT TRANSFER STATION

The Mansfield Transfer Station is now accepting credit or debit card payment. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted; American Express is not.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, will be open July 19, Aug 2 & 16, Sept 6 & 20, Oct 2, 4 & 18 and Nov 1, 2014. The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/hhw.

TEXTILE RECYCLING

Any textile item, even if it's worn, torn or stained, can be recycled. A Salvation Army donation box is located at the Mansfield transfer station. As long as they are **clean and dry**, you can donate the following textiles to Salvation Army:

- All clothing – including socks, undergarments/bras, ties
- All footwear
- Fabric/material scraps
- Rags
- Stuffed animals and soft toys
- Backpacks
- Bedding – pillows, comforters, sheets, pillow cases, blankets
- Curtains/draperies, table linens, towels and wash cloths

NEW TRASH/ RECYCLING TRUCK

Have you seen Willimantic Waste Paper Company's new split body truck? It may look like your trash and recycling are being thrown in together, but there are actually *two* compartments on the truck – one for trash and the other for recyclables. After your trash container is emptied, the trash compartment on the truck is closed to allow the contents from your recycle container to empty into the recycle compartment. Trash is delivered to one of the Connecticut's trash incinerators and the recyclables are sorted for market at Willimantic Waste Paper.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS RECYCLED AT TRANSFER STATION

Beyond curbside recycling, there is much more that can be recycled at the Mansfield Transfer Station.

Air conditioners	Clothes dryers	Leaves	Scrap metal
Antifreeze	Dehumidifiers	Microwaves	Styrofoam peanuts
Appliances	Electronics	Motor Oil	Televisions
Batteries	Fluorescent bulbs	Oil filters	Textiles
Brush	Freezers	Paint	Vegetable oil
CDs/DVDs	Grass clippings	Propane tanks	Washing machines
Christmas tree lights	Grocery bags	Refrigerators	Wire

FEE WAIVER CHANGES

The Town's Fee Waiver Ordinance has been modified and changes will affect fee waivers beginning July 1, 2014. Some of the significant changes include: a 75% fee waiver replaces the 90% fee waiver; income eligibility limits have changed; maximum fee waiver caps apply to households based on size; and the automatic fee waiver eligibility based on Medicaid eligibility no longer exists. For more information regarding the changes, please review the FY 14/15 Fee Waiver packet online at www.mansfieldct.gov.

PAPER SHREDDING SERVICES

1. Opportunity Works CT, 156 River Rd, Suite 1201, Willington. Cost to shred is \$0.20/lb delivered to their facility or \$0.30/lb for home pick-up. Contact Suzanne Aude at 860-477-0900.

2. Shred & Gone, part of Tri-County ARC, 40 Hale St, Vernon. Cost to shred is \$0.25/lb delivered to their facility or \$0.35/lb for home pick-up. Contact Nicole Boske at 860-817-4669.

3. Staples, Rte 195 across the road from the Eastbrook Mall. Cost to shred is \$0.79/lb.

FREE EVENT RECYCLING CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

Recycling bins for special events, concerts, fairs, and festivals are available to Connecticut communities through a grant that CT DEEP received from Keep America Beautiful and Anheuser-Busch Foundation. Mansfield is one of the storage locations for these containers. If your group would like to borrow recycling containers for your event, please contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org. Bins are available for any event within the state of Connecticut and are free.

PLANT POT REUSE

Donate your *undamaged* plant pots (1 gallon and smaller) and trays of all sizes to Tri County Greenhouse (formerly Hockanum Greenhouse) on the corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving adults with disabilities. Damaged plant pots can be recycled. Clean off the dirt before placing with other household recyclables.

MEDICINE DISPOSAL

In streams and rivers across the Nation, scientists are finding detectable concentrations of pharmaceuticals, such as antidepressants, hormones and antibiotics. Drugs in water, even in highly diluted concentrations, can have adverse effects on aquatic life and human health. Disposal of unwanted medication down the toilet or sink can pass through septic systems and sewage treatment plants untreated into our water system.

Place medicine in the trash. Mansfield's garbage is burned at a trash incinerator at very high temperatures, which destroys these products and prevents them from getting into our water. The CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) recommends that you follow these steps before you put any medicines in the trash:

1. Keep medication in original container. Cross out patient's name.
2. Modify medications to discourage consumption. For solids, add a small amount of water to dissolve. For liquids, add salt or a powdered spice. For blister packs, wrap in duct tape.
3. Tape container lid shut.
4. Discard the container in your garbage can.

For more background information go to <http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc/index.html>

CODERED

To be alerted in an emergency, register for Mansfield's emergency notification system, CodeRED. Visit www.mansfieldct.gov and click on the CodeRED logo to learn more and register.